लिए पाइपलाइन नियतन प्रणाली का विकास किया है।

(15) अर्नेट परियोजना सफलतापूर्वक पूरी कर ली गई है। देश भर में 500 से भी अधिक संस्थान, जो शैक्षणिक एवं अनुसंधान संस्थानों के एक समूह का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हैं, सहयोग एवं संचार के लिए सूचना प्राप्त करने, उसे आपस में बांटने तथा उसे दूसरे स्थान पर प्रेषित करने के लिए इस नेटवर्क का व्यापक रूप से इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं।

**Emergence of diseases**

421. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing threat posed by the emergence of new diseases like AIDS and re-emergence of old ones such as malaria, cholera, dengue, TB and plague; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the emergence of these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main strategies adopted to prevent/control the mentioned diseases are as under:—

1. *AIDS* A comprehensive Scheme for the Prevention & Control of HIV/AIDS is currently under implementation throughout the country. The strategies of the Programme consist of (i) behaviour change by creation of mass awareness about HIV/AIDS; (ii) blood safety and rational use of blood (iii) control of sexually transmitted diseases; (iv) surveillence and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS infected persons.

2. *T.B.* The Government has recently revamped the Tuberculosis programme and has introduced and revised strategy for the control of Tuberculosis using multi-drug chemothreapy (MDT).

3. *Malaria:* The main strategies adopted are (i) Early case detection and prompt treatment; (ii) Vector control by indoor spraying in rural areas with annual parasite incidence 2 & above, with appropriate insecticides and by recurrent anti-larval measures in urban areas;

(iii) Health education and community participation.

4. *Cholera:* Good sanitation & Hygiene and safe drinking water marketly reduce the risk of transmitting entericpathogens including cholera various. Therefore the highest priority is given to practicing the basic principles of sanitation regarding human waste disposal, personal hygiene & food safety as well as ensuring that safe water supply is available, apart from other medical treatment and health education.

5. *Plague:* Activities like survillance, training of workers and upgradation of laboratories have been initiated in the wake of the recent outbreak of Plague in the country.

6. *Dengue:* The dengue fever is parastic infection in which mosquito control measures and chemoprophylaxis are important preventive activities being presently undertaken apart from Health Education in high incidence areas.

**Navodaya Vidyalayas in Assam**

422. SHRI PARAG CHELIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Navodaya Videlayas sanctioned so far for Assam;

(b) the details of the Navodaya Vidyalayas which are actually functioning in the State as on date; and

(c) the details of the problems due to which some sanctioned Navodaya Vidyalayas could not start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT) (DEPARTMENT OFEDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A Navodaya Vidyalaya each has been sanctioned in Karimganj, Sonitpur, Kamrup, Cachar, Sibesagar, Nalbari, Barpeta, Darrang, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Morigaon, Kabilnglong, Golaghat and Jorhat districts of Assam.

(b) and (c) All the Navodaya Vidyalayas in Assam are functioning except for the one sanctioned in District Jorhat. The school in Jorhat District is not functioning due to sufficient infrastructural facilities not being provided by the State Government.

**Construction of Syl Canal**

423. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal so far;

(b) the cost so far incurred thereon;

(c) how much more it will cost; and

(d) by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The information cannot be disclosed in public interest.

**Missile threat on Indian Ports by Pakistan**

424. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army authorities in the Poonch-Rajouri Section have definite information of Pakistan using Two missile to target some Indian ports on the Line of Control (LOC); and

(b) if so, what steps, diplomatic and military, are being contemplated by Government to ensure the safety of the local people and security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND THE DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In Jan 1996, Army authorities had some uncorroborated information to suggest that there was a possibility of Pakistan using TOW missile to target some Indian posts in the Punch Sector. As the information was uncorroborated, the matter was not taken up with Pakistani authorities. No missiles were fired by the Pakistani troops.

In cases of firings from across the border, appropriate measures are taken to safeguard the safety of the local populace and security of the country.

**Approval of rail upgrade Plans**

425. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as reported in the Business Age of January 8, 1996 to the effect that Rs. 2,000 crore rail-upgrade plan, including the Mumbai Suburban System has been approved by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the project-wise cost and the time frame for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) Details of some of the projects in progress/ being undertaken to upgrade railway network in Maharashtra State, including Mumbai suburban system, are given below: